

*The following is a summary of the comments and questions asked, along with the answers given at the Antioch Landowner meeting hosted by the Department of Water Resources on August 14, 2008.*

**Q: After the report has been processed, are you going to come back out with issues and impacts that affect us at a local level? We want to have input.**

**A:** Once we get a draft environmental document done, we'll probably be out a couple of times. We envision that we're going to have another scoping session early next year. Hopefully by the beginning of next year we'll have other alternatives identified. We'll want to come out and talk to you guys again about the preferred alternative. In addition, when the draft environmental document is done we'll have hearings on that. There's a schedule of the process in your packet to give you a sense of the meetings on how we're going to proceed.

**Q: What are you going to do with all this information? How much access are people going to have? Are you going to come out to the property and find there is endangered species and publish it someplace or is it going to become private?**

**A:** We'll have to report to the California Fish and Game what we find. We're required by law to do that. As far as the Environmental Impact Report, it will be public documentation. However, it will not be at the parcel level. The distribution of endangered species will be graphically displayed, but it will not be at a parcel level.

**Q: We would love to see the BDCP be a whole lot more open of a process than we think it is currently, and I think that's what you're trying to do here and we're really happy to see that. I would caution you however that how you do it means everything.**

**A:** The Secretary of Resources has committed to meet every month with the county board and representatives from each city in the Delta to help address some of these issues. I appreciate the fact that we haven't done a very good job at that, we've been worried about getting stuff done on the outreach part, so we're going to fix that. We also had two scheduled conference calls with a lot of the local officials.

**Q: Where can I get this map?**

**A:** This map is going to be available online on our website. We are waiting to have these landowner meetings first. We're trying to get the information out to the landowners, but shortly after next week they will be available on our website.

**Q: What does the ecosystem mean in terms of water and when does it need it?**

**A:** The fish agencies are not going to give us a permit if we don't have the operating criteria for any criteria. What you need for standards really depends on how you convey water. We are looking at trying to determine what operating criteria might be with some sort of conveyance system, and we're looking at the process. Whatever we do for standards are likely to be

wrong in approximately 10 years, because things change. You bring up good points and we're working on them.

**Q: What we're asking for in terms of a more open meeting process is the ability to communicate other than just the public comment period at the end of those meetings. There are a lot of agencies out there that would probably make more of an effort to be a part of those meetings if there was more opportunity to communicate.**

**A:** Good point and that's an issue we're thinking about.

**Q: Is the BDCP yet looking at reduced exports as part of one of the alternatives or part of several alternatives?**

**A:** We're not that far yet in terms of developing alternatives. Our contractors are in this process to get a permit, so what they're looking for is how their water system can become more reliable and the need to have an alternative that does that.

**Q: We work pretty cooperatively with DWR. One of my key concerns is the process that Iron House has been through over the last five years in developing our expansion plan for our communities. We've realized through our environmental process to look at three different discharge locations. We did water modeling and were just recently successful in getting our MPDS permit from the Regional Water Quality Board. I just want to make sure as we look at the process for through-Delta conveyance. My concern of course is, we have very specific salinity criteria in our MPDS Permit, and to invest millions that we're investing, when we look at that process we don't necessarily change our salinity criteria for the worse. We definitely don't want to lose our ability to discharge in the river.**

**A:** We have a totally isolated system of water quality here in the Delta that's been benefiting from Sacramento water moving through the system. So one of the things we're looking at is how much water can you divert from here without screwing up the fish. One benefit of changing our intake location would be better water quality at different locations as well. Our diversions would get cleaner which means the San Joaquin source water would be less salty so the water quality would improve over time. We want to actively talk to Contra Costa County, talk to the City of Stockton, talk to other folks how they could benefit from this as well.

**Q: We are not a landowner right now, but we're looking at some property on Tyler Island. Once your peripheral canal goes through, if it does happen, are we still going to have water going down the Georgiana Slough?**

**A:** This is all being talked about currently, nothing has been solved yet.

**Q: What happens if some of the landowners don't sign the Temporary Entry Permit (TEP)?**

- A:** We'll go out and talk to them again to see what their issues are. We'll probably go out 2-3 times.
- Q:** **Most of the farmers say there's no way the peripheral canal is going to go through. But, you make it sound like it's a done deal. The big worry is not having the irrigation flow going down and the salinity going up. If some of the banks break, no one is going to fix them because you're going to be able to run your water down the peripheral canal, it's when the levees break they leave them broken. Eventually after 25 years the whole area is going to be flooded.**
- A:** I hear your concern and we need to address this issue. We have a fair amount of funds to invest in better levees in the Delta. Now whether or not we can bring all the levees in the Delta up to the same standards, we'll never have enough money for that. Our goal is to invest in the Delta and address those flooding issues. The saltwater intrusion is a standards issue and we'll have to discuss that as we go forward.
- Q:** **If they're not going to take any more water down the canal than they're taking now, why don't they put the screens up further and save some money and not build the channel? In a few years, Los Angeles will want more water and they're going to keep sucking more and more water until the sloughs go dry.**
- A:** I think as a society, we have to make these decisions and rules so people will abide by those rules. This idea of assurances and governance is the big issue here. How you convey water is one thing, but the assurances issue and the governance part is critical in this decision making process.
- Q:** **When you do surveys and get all the data that you need for the different ways of conveying the water, does it still go to the state for a vote or do you guys automatically approve it?**
- A:** We have the authority to build this facility once we've finished all the environmental documentation. That doesn't mean that we don't listen to legislature. We have the authority but we have to go through the whole environmental review process.